

(c) Work on the sanctioned patch doubling works on Kottayam & Alleppey routes are being expedited for their completion in next 2-3 years.

Upgradation and Modernisation of Stations in North Eastern Railway

371. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kamalganj, Gursahaiganj, Kannauj and Bilhaur stations in North Eastern Railway need upgradation and modernisation; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is being taken to upgrade and modernize those stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) All the minimum essential amenities as per norms have been provided at Kamalganj, Gursahaiganj, Kannauj and Bilhaur railway stations. However, the following sanctioned works are being undertaken to upgrade and modernize these stations:

- (i) Improvement of circulating area,
- (ii) Beautification of Kannauj station,
- (iii) Provision of foot over bridge, improvement of circulating area, booking hall, waiting hall and provision of Kota stone,
- (iv) Provision of Unreserved Ticketing System,
- (v) Raising of main platform with newly extended platform at Kamalganj and Gursahaiganj,
- (vi) Improvement in toilets of waiting hall, 1st class waiting room, retiring room and announcement system at Kannauj,
- (vii) Improvement of platform, drain toilets water hydrants, waiting hall and converting present toilet to 'Pay & Use' at Gursahaiganj,
- (viii) Provision of electric and battery room to install unreserved Ticketing System,
- (ix) Construction of 2nd high level platform at Kannauj, and
- (x) Construction of new station building at Kamalganj.